

FEBRUARY 7, 1835.

Read twice, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. BINNEY, from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported the following bill :

## A BILL

For the relief of John F. Lewis.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*  
2   *of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That*  
3   the Secretary of the Treasury refund to John F. Lewis a sum  
4   equal to the increase of duty imposed by the act of the nine-  
5   teenth May, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-eight,  
6   entitled "An act in alteration of the several acts imposing  
7   duties on imports," on a quantity of matting imported from  
8   China, invoiced at two thousand two hundred and ten dollars,  
9   and entered at the custom-house in Philadelphia, on first De-  
10   cember, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-eight: *Pro-*  
11   *vided, That the Secretary of the Treasury shall not make the*  
12   *payment above directed till he shall have satisfactory proof*  
13   *that the duties have been actually paid, and have not been*  
14   *returned in debentures ; that the order for the purchase of*  
15   *the said matting was given previous to the first of December,*  
16   *one thousand eight hundred and twenty-seven ; and that the*  
17   *said John F. Lewis had it not in his power to countermand*

18 the said order after the passage of the said act of the nine-  
19 teenth May, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-eight:  
20 *And provided, further,* That satisfactory evidence be furnish-  
21 ed to the Secretary of the Treasury, by the oath of the mer-  
22 chant, or otherwise, that the said John F. Lewis did not  
23 realize the ordinary profit on the said importation.